



Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Alaska State Plan

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40 minutes together...
let's make the most of it



What two phrases reflect your focus or hope for the next 12 months?



Happy Sunlyn & Hatcher



Do work that has a positive impact



Commissioner

Inspire Alaskans to demand great school for our students

Learn daily... Apply constantly



What Alaska says...

An excellent education will ensure that all students can:

- Succeed in their education and work,
- Shape meaningful lives for themselves,
- Exemplify the best values of society, and
- Be effective in improving the character and quality of the world about them.

Alaska Statute 14.03.015

Mission of public education:

An excellent education for every student day.



Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)



ESEA Passed in 1965

Goal: To improve the quality of education for low income students

Reauthorized periodically by Congress

No Child Left Behind (NCLB)

2002 - 2015



Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

December 10, 2015



ESSA State Plan

Three Key Elements



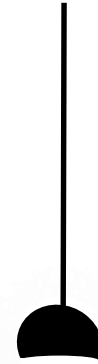
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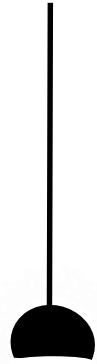


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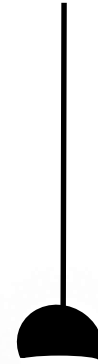
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High School Assessments

Background

What does ESSA say?

- ELA and math at least once in high school
- High school grades that can be tested now include 9-12
- Alaska has tested in grades 9 and 10 on the ELA/math assessment since 2002



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com**

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Are you with me so far?

- Which of the following are the names of the two statewide mandated assessments required of all students grades 3 – 10 over the past 5 years?
 - a) Accuplacer & SAT
 - b) SAT & AMP
 - c) AMP & SBAs
 - d) SBAs & ACT
 - e) ACT & Workkeys



How does it hit you?

When you think about your attitude or disposition as a high school student toward AMP and/or SBAs, what two words most come to mind?



So what should Alaska do?

- At what grade will high school students most successfully test?
- What grade will give the most useful information?
- Varied course trajectories for math: 10th grade?
- Test in 9th and/or 10th and offer option SAT/ACT in 11th grade?
- How important is minimizing testing time?

Before I ask you...

- Do you have any questions for me?
- Is there anything about which you're confused?



The big question...

- If we are going to test in only one high school grade, what should it be:
 - 9th
 - 10th
 - 11th
 - 12th



Let's check your thinking a bit

- In what grade do you think high school students will take the test most seriously?
 - 9th
 - 10th
 - 11th
 - 12th



More checking...

- In what grade do you think it's most important for high school students to know if they're on track?

—9th

—10th

—11th

—12th



And, then there are your parents...

- In what grade are your parents most concerned about whether you're where you should be academically?

—9th

—10th

—11th

—12th



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